

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: A. Singh

Serial No.: 10/688,676 (Conf. #2568)

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For: TREATMENT OF DRY EYE BY
RESTORING 15-LIPOXYGENASE
ACTIVITY TO OCULAR SURFACE
CELLS

**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2006**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 16, 2006, for which the three-month date for response was February 16, 2007.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to May 16, 2007, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Alcon, Inc. Deposit Account No. 501051.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.
Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.
There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.